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Applicants : Tatsuhito TAKAHASHI et al.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2002 (Paper No. 10), the term for response to which is extended two months by a PETITION FOR EXTENSION filed concomitantly herewith to expire on October 24, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

--UNDERWATER IMMERSION BLOCK AND METHOD TO PRODUCE THE SAME--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 28, 29, 35, 42, 43, 53 and 55 to read as follows:

28. (Amended) The underwater immersion block according to claim 27, wherein the granular additive comprises oxidized iron.